

# Child Nutrition Weekly Update



It's **National Nutrition Month!**  
What are you doing to celebrate?



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## AP/IB Test Fee Program – Student Eligibility Form

Attached you will find the 2012 NCDPI AP-IB Test Fee Program Administration packet. Within the packet you will find the Student Eligibility Form #1 which is also titled the *2012 Information Release for Students Participating in the Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Program*. This is the only form that Child Nutrition Administrators should be asked to review/confirm.

The procedures are as follows:

1. The parent /guardian should sign the form letter to indicate their consent for the Child Nutrition Department to confirm their child's meal eligibility status.
2. Child Nutrition Administrators or a designee in the Child Nutrition Department should then use the information on the consent form to identify the student, confirm the student's meal benefits status, check the appropriate box (F = free, RP = Reduced Price, D = Denied).
3. Initial and date the form and return to the test coordinator. Of course, it is always wise to keep a copy for your files.

**NOTE: No other form or roster is required.**

If you have questions, please contact your regional consultant.

 = [ap-ib packet.pdf](#)

## Update on Lean Finely Textured Beef (LFTB)

An update from USDA on Lean Finely Textured Beef (LFTB) was distributed on March 15. Please take a moment to review the attached release. If you have any questions please contact your regional consultant.

 = [usda-lftb.pdf](#)

**NOTICE: In addition to the attached March 15 USDA press release the following is additional communication that we received from USDA today, March 19, regarding LFT beef. This information may be helpful as you communicate with school administrators, teachers, parents, students and the community-at-large.**

*The following is public information provided by our National office that may provide some answers, address misinformation and give some perspective.*

*Ammonium hydroxide is not "used" as an ingredient. It is a food safety intervention. FYI this intervention is used in many other foods throughout the commercial food system and ammonium hydroxide is also present in foods naturally. Here is an example of the ammonium levels*

*in a bacon cheese burger.*

- \* Cheese slice – 1.5 oz = 76 mg (813 ppm)
- \* Hamburger Bun - 2 oz = 50 mg (440 ppm)
- \* Condiments – 2 oz = 50 mg (400 ppm)
- \* Beef patty – 3.2 oz = 40 mg (200 ppm)
- \* Bacon slice - 1 oz = 16 mg (160 ppm)

*LFT beef is an optional ingredient vendors may use up to 10% in coarse and 15% in other fine grind products, i.e. a 60 lb carton of coarse may contain 0 lbs to 6 lbs of LFT; but no more than 6 lbs.*

*USDA graders monitor USDA beef production to ensure the specified levels are not exceeded.*

*USDA cannot identify the cartons containing LFT beef as it is beef and doesn't require separate identification.*

*Within a truckload some cases may contain LFT and some not. LFT is not filler; it is nutritionally equivalent to 95% lean beef and doesn't contain connective tissue.*

## **We Need Your Input!**

In an attempt to address your requests for materials to assist you in implementing the new meal pattern requirements next school year, Child Nutrition Services has developed a brief survey on which we need your quick input.

Child Nutrition Directors, Supervisors, and Managers are invited to give us feedback via this survey. We need and want your opinions and ideas regarding Production Records and menu planning tools. For your convenience a PDF of the survey is attached so that you may preview the questions prior to opening the survey. Remember...use the link below to access the survey online. The survey will remain open through next **Thursday, March 22, 2012**. Please take a few minutes to respond at the following link:

**<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22F5Y9N5S79/>** .



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## **2012-2013 Free and Reduced Price School Meal Application and Verification Forms Approval Procedures**

All School Food Authorities (SFA) are required to submit their 2012-2013 Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application and Verification Forms packet to the State Agency for approval prior to printing and distributing to households. Local Education Agencies (LEA), Charter Schools, Non-Public/Private schools and Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCI) with day students MUST complete the pre-approval process before the annual Agreement to operate the Federally-funded Child Nutrition programs may be approved. The template forms will be sent in a future edition of the Child Nutrition Weekly Update.

## Training

Several webinars will be conducted on how to prepare the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application and Verification forms packet for approval. In addition, the PowerPoint presentation used in the webinars will be posted to the Child Nutrition website to provide additional assistance, if needed, in completing the packet.

The following webinars have been scheduled:

Date: **March 27, 2012 (Tuesday)**

Time: **2:00 – 3:00 pm**

**\*\*Who should attend: Non-LEA Child Nutrition Administrators (Charters, Nonpublic/Private, RCCIs)**

**TO REGISTER CLICK THE LINK BELOW or COPY AND PASTE THE LINK INTO YOUR WEB BROWSER:**

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/640517737>

Date: **March 28, 2012 (Wednesday)**

Time: **9:00 – 10:00 am**

**\*\*Who should attend: LEA Child Nutrition Administrators Using SCAN Applications**

**TO REGISTER CLICK THE LINK BELOW or COPY AND PASTE THE LINK INTO YOUR WEB BROWSER:**

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/466799288>

Date: **March 29, 2012 (Thursday)**

Time: **2:00 – 3:00 pm**

**\*\*Who should attend: LEA Child Nutrition Administrators Using NON-SCAN Applications**

**TO REGISTER CLICK THE LINK BELOW or COPY AND PASTE THE LINK INTO YOUR WEB BROWSER:**

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/978201472>

Date: **April 17, 2012 (Tuesday)**

Time: **10:00 – 11:00 am**

**\*\*Who should attend: Anyone**

**TO REGISTER CLICK THE LINK BELOW or COPY AND PASTE THE LINK INTO YOUR WEB BROWSER:**

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/315332632>

## School Grants for Healthy Kids

### **\*\*IMPORTANT WEBINAR NOTICE\*\***

Webinars for schools interested in applying for the **School Grants for Healthy Kids** grants are invited to attend a webinar to learn more about the available grant opportunities for 2012-2013 and receive tips for applying. Please register for the time best fitting your schedule. NOTE: Archived recordings will be posted following the live sessions.

**Tues, Mar 20, 2012 - 3:00 to 4:00pm ET / 12:00 to 1:00pm PT –  
REGISTER AT: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/916008082>**

**Tues, Mar 27, 2012 - 3:00 to 4:00pm ET / 12:00 to 1:00pm PT**  
**REGISTER AT: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/558715834>**

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## **School Grants for Healthy Kids**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 5, 2012.**

Through partners such as Kellogg's and the Walmart Foundation, Action for Healthy Kids is pleased to release its School Grants for Healthy Kids opportunities for the 2012-2013 school year. Over 500 schools will be awarded funds that will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 (average \$2,000) with significant in-kind contributions from Action for Healthy Kids in the form of people, programs, and school nutrition expertise.

Several grants are being offered, each with a specific area of focus. You may select multiple program areas, but the average grant size will remain at \$2,000. We encourage you to please take a moment apply.

For more information and to apply visit:

**[www.actionforhealthykids.org/upcoming-events/grant-opportunities/school-grants-for-healthy.html](http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/upcoming-events/grant-opportunities/school-grants-for-healthy.html)**

### **Healthy Breakfast 4 Kids Grant**

***This is a great opportunity to expand your existing breakfast in the classroom initiatives or to start a new breakfast in the program initiative if you have not already done so!***

## **Healthy Breakfast 4 Kids Grant**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 31, 2011**



The Healthy Breakfast 4 Kids Grant Program combines the efforts of the Food Family Farming Foundation (F3) and the WalMart Foundation to provide 117, \$2500 equipment grants to rural high needs schools for the purpose of implementing universal breakfast in the classroom programs. Grant awardees will be able to order \$2500 worth of food service small wares or equipment for establishing universal breakfast programs.

For more information and to apply visit:

**<http://www.foodfamilyfarming.org/html/grants.html>**

## Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant

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**APPLICATIONS DEADLINES: Feb 1, June 1, and Oct 1 each school year**



Up to \$4,000 per year is available to any qualifying K-12 school enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60. The competitive, nationwide funding program can help your school jumpstart and sustain healthy nutrition and physical activity improvements.

For information and to apply visit:

[http://school.fueluptoplay60.com/funds/funds\\_for\\_futp60.php](http://school.fueluptoplay60.com/funds/funds_for_futp60.php)

## More Uncle Ben's "Let's Get Kids Cooking!" Contestants from NC

We are so excited to announce that there are additional North Carolina students participating in the Uncle Ben's "Let's Get Kids Cooking!" contest! Unfortunately, the voting period has ended; however, still show your support by watching each student's video at the links provided below and perhaps post a message of support. You may even want to try their recipes. **NOTE:** The contest information and videos are located on the Uncle Ben's Facebook page so you may not be allowed to access it from your work computer, but while you're at home take a moment to watch.

The results of the contest will be announced on March 26 so be sure to check the Uncle Ben's Facebook page to find out if North Carolina has a winner. ***Kudos to all of the contestants!***

### **Benjamin Higgins – Brunswick County**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Union Elementary School, Shallotte, NC,

*"Ben's Mardi Gras Jambalaya"*

[https://www.facebook.com/unclebenssk=app\\_357560190924548&app\\_data=video36516764](https://www.facebook.com/unclebenssk=app_357560190924548&app_data=video36516764)

### **Luke Custer - Lincoln County**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Pumpkin Center Primary, Lincolnton, NC

*"Chef Luke's Dessert Rice Parfait"*

[https://www.facebook.com/unclebens?sk=app\\_357560190924548&app\\_data=video37020525](https://www.facebook.com/unclebens?sk=app_357560190924548&app_data=video37020525)

### **Sydney McCoy – Wake County**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Baucom Elementary School, Apex, NC

*"Sydney's Tropical Rice Salad"*

[https://www.facebook.com/unclebens?sk=app\\_357560190924548&app\\_data=video37347438](https://www.facebook.com/unclebens?sk=app_357560190924548&app_data=video37347438)

**NOTE:** At the time of the previous announcement regarding the Wake County student (Sydney McCoy) who entered the competition we were unaware of other students in North Carolina who had also entered. We rely on you to keep us abreast of the great things happening in your SFA as it is our privilege to recognize the accomplishments of your SFA and your students. So continue to keep us informed.

## 2012 National Nutrition Month Handouts

The 2012 National Nutrition Month® handouts, available in English and Spanish, offer tips and strategies for eating smart and moving more with a “fit kids = happy kids” theme. This year's national theme is Get Your Plate in Shape. You can find additional information about National Nutrition Month® at [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org).

The handouts can be accessed from the N.C. Division of Public Health, Nutrition Services Branch website under Resources for Schools. From the link below, scroll down to National Nutrition Month® Handouts.

**<http://www.nutritionnc.com/ResourcesForSchools/index.htm>**

For questions regarding resources for schools, please do not hesitate to contact Tracey Bates, N.C. NET Program Coordinator, at [tracey.bates@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:tracey.bates@dhhs.nc.gov) or 919.707.5782.

## Summer Feeding Options 2012

The purpose of any summer feeding program is to feed the students during the summer months when school is out. The objective for Child Nutrition Programs in regard to summer feeding: to “break even” by being reimbursed (with Federal dollars), to cover food and operating costs. Summer feeding is not a money-making venture for Child Nutrition Programs. It is a much needed service provided to the community.

The options for NC Schools for summer feeding include:

**Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)** is monitored by Cynthia Ervin, SFSP Coordinator with the NC Department of Health and Human Services. She can be contacted by phone at 919-707-5774, or e-mail at [cynthia.ervin@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:cynthia.ervin@dhhs.nc.gov) or visit **[www.nutritionnc.com](http://www.nutritionnc.com)**. Workshop and webinar training sessions are scheduled very soon, so please visit the website for more information.

**Continuation of the NSLP 2012** is approved and monitored by the NCDPI CNS and is for feeding students enrolled in a “required” academic summer school - with a grade issued upon its completion - in order for the student to be promoted to the next grade level or to receive credits to graduate. Students pay according to their “status” as during the program year: free, reduced, or paid.

**Seamless Summer Option (SSO)**, is approved and monitored by the NCDPI CNS and allows all students 18 years and younger to eat free of charge. The SSO operates under the same Federal Regulations as the NSLP. Schools wanting to participate in the SSO must apply individually via the online Child Nutrition Technology System and must be approved in advance to participate in the SSO. Schools participating in the SSO must be “area eligible”. This means that a school must be 50% or greater Free / Reduced (F/R) eligible based on enrollment for the current school year. Training webinars will be advertised through McKimmon Center and in the *CN Weekly Update* in early March.

If you have questions, please contact Janice Ezzell by phone at 910-833-6750 or by e-mail at [Janice.ezzell@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Janice.ezzell@dpi.nc.gov)



## **\*\*REMINDER\*\* *Deadline to Submit FF&VP Applications for 2012-2013***

For eligible elementary schools interested in applying to participate in the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FF&VP) for SY 2012-2013, applications are due in the NCDPI Child Nutrition Services Section by **5:00 PM on Friday, March 30, 2012**. The NCDPI strongly recommends a traceable delivery source be used. Applications may be delivered to the NCDPI's physical location address (for example: FedEx or UPS), or mailed USPS to the NCDPI's mailing address, or hand delivered. (The FF&VP application packet was e-mailed on February 3, 2012 to Child Nutrition Directors as a SPECIAL EDITION CN Weekly Update and contains mailing information and addresses.) No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted because *original* signatures are required. No late applications will be accepted.

Contact Zoe McKay-Tucker at 919-807-3517 or by e-mail at [zoe.mckaytucker@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:zoe.mckaytucker@dpi.nc.gov) with questions or concerns regarding the application. Thank you for your district's interest in applying!

## ***2012 USDA Best Practice Awards***

**Apply Now for the 2012 USDA Best Practice Awards** - The Southeast Regional Office of the USDA has announced the 19th Annual **Best Practice Awards** for the National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Food Distribution Programs. The purpose of this award program is to recognize and reward outstanding practices in schools and in School Food Authorities (SFAs). We encourage you and your staff to nominate your SFA and/or individual schools within the SFA for outstanding and/or innovative practices in the following categories:

- Increasing Participation in School Lunch, Breakfast or After School Snack Programs
- Promoting a Healthy School Environment
- School Breakfast and School Lunch Week Events
- Customer Service
- Creative Utilization of Commodities
- Farm To School Programs
- Increasing Fruit and Vegetable Consumption
- Food Safety (HACCP Implementation)
- Leadership Development and Program Management
- Fiscal Management

Receiving a **USDA Best Practice Award** is a fabulous opportunity to get the local, state and national recognition your SFA's Child Nutrition Program has earned! The following items are included in the attached file:

1. 2012 USDA Best Practices Award Announcement
2. Award Entry Requirements for 2012
3. Categories for Best Practice Nominations
4. Nomination Entry Form for 2012 (including required information that must be included in the Entry)
5. Criteria upon which the Nomination will be evaluated



Nominations must be received by the Child Nutrition Services Section of the NC Department of Public Instruction **no later than March 26, 2012**. Nominations may be hand delivered, delivered by courier service or sent by another means. Please make sure the delivery method used is traceable to ensure your nomination reaches its destination by the due date.

**Good Luck!** We look forward to celebrating your success with you at the 2012 Annual Conference for Child Nutrition Administrators.

 = [bestpractices.doc](#)

## **\*\*REMINDER\*\* Nutrient Analysis Due Soon**



Please remember that your Nutrient Analysis for March menus is due on **April 15, 2012**. If you have questions or need assistance please contact your Regional SMI Consultant.

## **Weekly Q&A – 2012 Seamless Summer Option Training**

### **QUESTION**

Will training be provided for the 2012 Seamless Summer Option (SSO) program?

### **ANSWER**

Yes. NCDPI Child Nutrition Services is conducting several webinar trainings for NC School Food Authorities (SFA) that **anticipate** participating in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for the summer of 2012. Even if a SFA has attended a previous SSO training, the 2012 SSO training is **required** as well. Janice Ezzell, Training Coordinator for Child Nutrition Services, will be conducting the training. For your convenience, the SSO training is being offered through "GoToMeeting" webinar format. All that is needed to participate is a completed registration (in advance), a phone line, and a computer with internet access. Once registered, participants will be provided with the phone number and the website and login information to participate in the training. A total of six (6) GoToMeetings have been scheduled. Each webinar will be conducted using the same agenda and PowerPoint presentation. The dates and times are as follows:

<b>Tuesday, April 10, 2012</b>	<b>9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Thursday, April 12, 2012</b>	<b>2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 18, 2012</b>	<b>9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Thursday, April 19, 2012</b>	<b>3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 24, 2012</b>	<b>9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Thursday, May 3, 2012</b>	<b>2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P. M.</b>

If you anticipate applying to participate in the SSO for the summer of 2012, a **Child Nutrition Administrator** must plan to participate in one of the required training webinars. Other Child Nutrition Staff and School Administrators may also participate in the training if they choose. The webinars are limited to 25 phone lines including the presenter. However, if your phone has a "speakerphone" with a mute option, multiple people can participate from one phone line providing the computer screen is visible to all.

**Please complete the electronic registration form by going to the link below and selecting the webinar you wish to participate in:**

**<https://onece.ncsu.edu/search/publicCourseSearch.do?method=searchPAOnly&programAreaId=54369&showInternal=true>**

Once you have registered, Ashley Schwed will send you a confirmation with the webinar link and phone number to participate. If you have questions after you submit your registration form, please contact Ashley at 919-515-8185 or at [ashley\\_schwed@ncsu.edu](mailto:ashley_schwed@ncsu.edu)

If you have general questions about the training, please contact Janice Ezzell at 910-833-6750 or via e-mail at [Janice.ezzell@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Janice.ezzell@dpi.nc.gov) and she will respond to your inquiry.

The NCDPI appreciates every School Food Authority's interest in feeding students during the summer months. It is a great service to every community.

## Mark Your Calendar

March 2012 .....	National Nutrition Month
March 30 .....	Deadline for submitting FF&VP Application for 2012-13 SY
April 1 .....	RCCI/Charter/Non-Public Self-Assessment Completed (File in SFA)
April 6.....	Good Friday (Holiday – State offices closed)
April 10 (Tuesday) .....	Monthly Claim for Reimbursement Due
April 15 .....	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Due
April 15 (for 2012) .....	Nutrient Analysis for March Menus Due
May 28 .....	Memorial Day (Holiday – State offices closed)

**\*\* REMEMBER** – Anytime the 10<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend the actual due date for the claim for reimbursement is the next business day which is usually Monday. In the event that the following Monday is a holiday then the due date moves to the next business day. With that said, the CN Technology system is programmed to flag any reimbursement submitted after the 10<sup>th</sup> with the “10 day” error message (Error Code 1401). The NCDPI Child Nutrition section and the Claims section are fully aware of this and the Claims department will automatically override that error message for any claims submitted in this time period. **NOTE:** This also applies to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for which the claim for reimbursement is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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